

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 3178 - HB 3539**

February 4, 2012

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires public charter schools to comply with Tennessee open meetings law. Requires public charter schools to maintain websites, if local education agencies (LEAs) maintain similar websites, posting the following information: public notice of governing board meeting, meeting agendas, board minutes, adopted policies, name and contract information of board members, information about school curriculum, notice of school events, and information about a school that is of interest to students, parents, or the general public. Requires all information placed on the website to be updated at least quarterly, except for notice of meetings which must be updated to give adequate public notice. If public schools within the chartering LEA maintain websites that include personnel contact information, then public charter schools must maintain websites that include personnel information. Requires all records of a public charter school to be open to the public to the same extent as records of public schools operated by an LEA.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- No change in state and local funding going to public charter schools. No fiscal impact on state or local expenditures.
- Any increase in expenditures resulting from startup or maintenance of a website for posting of the requisite information will be the responsibility of the public charter school.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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